to this, in pursuance of the directions issued by the Hon'ble Delhi High Court in its order dated 18.11.1998 in CWP No. 4015/96 and OA NO. 8468/97, a Standing Committee of experts had been constituted under the Chairmanship of Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) *vide* this Ministry's Order dated 25th November, 2002 for examining the claims of various organisations for recognition to the different streams of Alternative Systems of Medicine. The Committee in its finaf report did not recommended recognition to any of these alternative medicines except the already recognized traditional systems of medicines namely Auyrveda, Siddha, Unani, Homoeopathy and driigless therapies such as Yoga and Naturopathy which were found to fulfil the essential and desirable criteria developed by the Committee. The recommendations of the Committee have been examined and accepted by the Government. Accordingly, an Order No. R. 14015/25/96-U&H (R)(Pt.) dated 25th November 2003 was issued by this Ministry communicating the above decision of the Govt. It was also *inter-alia* ordered that certain practices as acupuncture and hypnotherapy, which qualified as modes of therapy, could be allowed to be practiced by registered practitioners or appropriately trained personnel.

All State/UT Governments have been requested to give wide publicity to the above decision of the Govt.

Proposals of Government of H.P.

†1888. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that Himachal Pradesh Government had sent a proposal of Rs. 8.40 crores on 27th February, 2003 to convert Post Graduate Ayurveda College at district Kangra into a Special Model Ayurvedic College and Research Institute in the field of Ayurveda and a proposal of Rs. 66.39 crores on 17th August, 2002 for setting up of a 'Kshar Sutra Centre' in Regional Ayurvedic Hospital, Shimla, for sanction through Directorate of Ayurveda;

(b) if so, the action taken on these proposals; and

(c) by when a final decision will be taken in the matter?

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Two proposals - one dated 11th February, 2003 for establishment of Centre of Excellence in Ayurveda at Paprola, Distt. Kangra, H.P. at an estimated cost of Rs. 8.40 crores and another dated 22.8.2002 to set up a Kshar Sutra Centre in Regional Ayurveda Hospital, Shimla at the cost of Rs. 66.39 lakhs have been received from the Government of Himachal Pradesh. While, Government have already approved upgradation of the HP. Government Institute of P.G. Education and Research in Ayurveda, Paprola, as a "Model Institute" of Ayurveda and released an amount of Rs. 1.65 crores, the second proposal to set up a Kshar Sutra Centre in the Regional Ayurveda Hospital, Shimla has not been found feasible.

Upgradation of PHCs

1889. SHRI BALWANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:

SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central assistance is provided to States for upgradation of primary health centres;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the assistance provided to Maharashtra and number of PHCs upgraded during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATf PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Upgradation of existing infrastructure of Primary Health Care Institutions, is one of the major focus areas of the Government. Under Reproductive and Child Health Programmes funds are being released to me States towards minor/major civil works, repair and maintenance etc. Under the scheme an amount of Rs. 10 00 lakhs per district is provided to all States for minor repairs and maintenance of buildings, especially for operation theatres, labour rooms and for carrying out improvements in water and